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FOR EUR/EE: ANDREWS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

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1. I ASSUME GEORGE VEST WILL HAVE BY THIS TIME SHARED WITH YOU MY OFFICIAL-INFORMAL TELEGRAM (PRAGUE 1918) ON MCGOVERN'S VISIT, WHICH APPARENTLY ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON AFTER THE VEST-MCGOVERN CONVERSATION OF JULY 21. CARL SCHMIDT SHOULD SOON HAVE THROUGH THE POUCH A COPY OF THE BILAK-MCGOVERN MEMCON, WHICH IS QUITE DETAILED. I CAN ADD LITTLE TO THE TELGRAM AND MEMCON, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT MFA EXPENDED A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT AND MONEY IN CREATING A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. SPACIL (EXCEPT FOR THE BILAK CALL) AND ZANTOVSKY WERE IN CONSTANT ATTENDANCE ON THE SENATOR ASIDE FROM THE FEW HOURS WE WERE ABLE TO STEAL HIM AWAY FROM THEM JULY 15. THE SENATOR'S QUICK FOLLOW-UP WITH GEORGE IS, OF COURSE, ENCOURAGING.

2. JULY 4 RECEPTION THIS YEAR, IN SPITE OF HEAVY RAIN WHICH MAY HAVE DISCOURAGED SOME INVITEES, WAS ABOUT AVERAGE, SLIGHTLY ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAG BUT BELOW BICENTENNIAL EVENT, BOTH IN TOTAL NUMBERS AND RANK OF ATTENDEES. DEPTY FONMIN JABLONSKY WAS
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HIGHEST RANKING OFFICIAL PRESENT. WE HAD RATHER EXPECTED GOC TO DISCOURAGE ATTENDANCE IN VIEW OF CURRENT ATMOSPHERE, BUT SAW NO EVIDENCE THAT IT HAD. WE FRANKLY CANNOT COMPLAIN ABOUT EITHER NUMBER OR QUALITY OF ATTENDEES AT MY AFFAIRS IN RECENT MONTHS.

3. BACKGROUND NOTES - WE HAVE NO SPECIAL SUGGESTIONS

OTHER THAN THAT THE SUGGESTED READING LIST NEEDS
UPDATING ALONG WITH THE STATISTICS. WE ARE HAPPY TO
HEAR THAT AN UPDATE IS UNDER WAY, SINCE WE STEADILY
RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AND ARE EMBARRASSED BY THE AGE OF THE CURRENT EDITION.

4. CIVIL AIR - TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE ON THIS, ALL
THAT THE CIVIL AIR ADMINISTRATION PEOPLE HAVE DONE SO
FAR IS TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE PAN AM REP AND
A SPRAVA SLUZEB DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WHO IS ON VACATION
UNTIL AUGUST 15. WE ASSUME THAT GIVEN THIS LACK OF ANY
REAL ASSISTANCE TO PAN AM THE PENDING CSA EXTRA SECTION
REQUESTS HAVE BEEN DENIED.

5. I FAILED TO MENTION IN THE VEST CABLE THAT SENATOR
MCGOVERN REVIEWED THE TURKISH EMBARGO ISSUE WITH ME
AT LENGTH AND APPEARS DEFINITELY ON THE RIGHT SIDE.
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